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Trip Limit Decreased to 500 Pounds per Trip for Commercial Harvest of Vermilion Snapper in the South Atlantic

The daily trip limit for the commercial harvest of vermillion snapper in the South Atlantic is **reduced from 1,000 pounds gutted weight to 500 pounds gutted weight, effective 12:01 a.m. (local time) March 2, 2016.** NOAA Fisheries has determined 75 percent of the January-June quota of 388,703 pounds gutted weight will be landed by March 2, 2016.

Reduction of the commercial vermillion snapper trip limit in the South Atlantic complies with regulations implemented under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. The 500-pound gutted weight trip limit applies to vessels with a South Atlantic Unlimited Snapper-Grouper Permit fishing for vermillion snapper in or from the federal waters in the South Atlantic region. The 500-pound gutted weight trip limit will remain in effect through June 30, 2016 (the end of the January – June fishing season).